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10. (Once Amended) Apparatus for writing to optical recording media, [in particular optical recording media according to Claim 1,] comprising a light source[(24)], whose maximum power is lower than is necessary to write to a writable information carrier layer [(2, 2', 3, 3')] through a semi-transparent information carrier layer[(2, 2', 3, 3')].

11. (Once Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 10, comprising a buffer memory [(32)] for data [(DS)] to be recorded, from which a control unit [(31)] reads out data in reverse order and outputs a corresponding recording signal [(WS)] to the light source[(24)].

12. (Once Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein a control unit [(31)] is provided, which assigns data [(DS)] that are to be recorded on the information carrier layer [(2, 3)] remote from the light source [(24)] firstly to a specific area [(33, 33', 34)] of the information carrier layer [(3, 2)] facing the light source [(24)], for recording, and which, after the recording medium [(1)] has been turned over, drives a scanner for reading out data located in the specific area [(33, 33', 34)] of the information carrier layer [(2, 3)] which is then remote from the light source, and assigns these data to areas of the information carrier layer [(3, 2)] which is then facing the light source [(24)], for recording.

13. (Once Amended) Apparatus for writing to optical recording media, [in particular optical recording media according to Claim 1,] comprising a buffer memory [(32)] for data [(DS)] to be recorded, from

which a control unit [(31)] reads out data in reverse order and outputs a corresponding recording signal [(WS)] to the light source[(24)].

14. (Once Amended) Apparatus for writing to optical recording media, [in particular optical recording media according to Claim 1,] wherein a control unit [(31)] is provided, which assigns data [(DS)] that are to be recorded on the information carrier layer [(2, 3)] remote from the light source [(24)] firstly to a specific area [(33, 33', 34)] of the information carrier layer [(3, 2)] facing the light source[(24)], for recording, and which, after the recording medium [(1)] has been turned over, drives a scanner for reading out data located in the specific area [(33, 33', 34)] of the information carrier layer [(2, 3)] which is then remote from the light source, and assigns these data to areas of the information carrier layer [(3, 2)] which is then facing the light source [(24)], for recording.

R E M A R K S

Claims 1-18 are now active in this application. Claims 10-14 have been amended.

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Re: Claim Objections

In the official action Claims 10-14 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form. These claims were withdrawn from consideration until being rewritten in proper form.

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This objection has been overcome by amending the independent claims 10, 13 and 14 to delete the references to Claim 1. Also, all have been amended to delete the parenthetical reference numbers. As amended, it is believed that claims 10-14 are now of proper form. Consideration on the merits of these claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Re Election/Restrictions:

Restriction has been require under 35 USC 121 to the claims 1-9 of Group I (optical recording medium) or claims 15-18 of Group II (method of writing to optical recording medium).

It is submitted that amended claims 10-14, upon consideration on their merits by the examiner in their amended form, properly belong in Group II since they relate to apparatus for writing to optical recording media.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims 1-9 in this application. The non-elected claims 10-14 (apparatus) and 15-18

(method) remain in this application for possible prosecution later in a divisional application.

The inventors of the elected claims are the same as the inventors of the non-elected claims. Accordingly, no amendment of inventorship is deemed to be necessary.

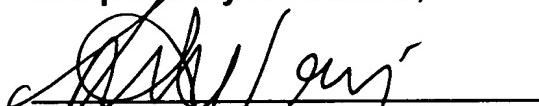
Consideration of amended claims 10-14 and elected claims 1-9 is respectfully requested.

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With this response, the number of independent claims (5) is unchanged and the total number of claims (18) is also unchanged. Accordingly, no additional fee is deemed necessary regarding the amendment of the claims. If, however, any additional fees are necessary, the PTO is hereby authorized to charge such fees to applicant's Deposit Account Number 07-0832.

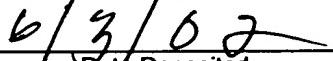
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